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Dear Fred:

Thanks for your letter of 25 February commenting on the Directorate of Intelligence Research Program. I can appreciate your point about the press of other business. Although to a lesser degree than ACDA, we, too, have been focusing considerable resources lately on Soviet compliance and the new round of talks in Geneva. [redacted]

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I certainly agree with your comments about Soviet decisionmaking. As you know, however, the issues you raise remain among the toughest to crack, in part because of meager evidence. To temper the inevitably speculative nature of our efforts on this topic, I will continue to urge analysts to lay out in their papers thoughtful alternatives to their preferred lines of thinking.

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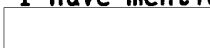
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Please let me know if you would like to be briefed--before final products emerge--on any of the lines of research I have mentioned. Thanks again for taking time to comment on our program. 

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Sincerely,

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